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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: APPLICATION OF)
R. DAVID LEWIS ET AL.) COMBINATION BACKFRAME AND SELF
APPLN. NO. 08/926,788) CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

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In response to the final rejection mailed November 30, 1999, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

Cancel claims ~~8~~ and 10.

Add the following claim:

Claim ~~11~~ 1. A self contained breathing apparatus, said breathing apparatus including an air tank for supplying air to a user and control components for controlling and monitoring air from said air tank, said apparatus comprising a shell formed of a front wall, a rear wall substantially coextensive with said front wall and spaced rearwardly of said front wall, said rear wall comprising a rear side remote from said front wall, said rear wall being shaped to receive said air tank on said rear side thereof which is defined as an extension of the shell, side walls extending between said front wall and said rear wall for enclosing the space between